

Senator Beutler's term, and next January you can start with clean a slate and elect a new one. Thank you very much, and I think we've spent enough time. Let's get on with our work. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Carsten. Committee amendments, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, the bill, LB 131, deals with an issue that has been before the body now a number of years. It deals with the use of topical drugs to treat eye disease and eye problems. The bill, as it came in, was a very broad piece of legislation and it included coverage of glaucoma, antiglaucoma pharmaceutical agents to be utilized. Our committee amendment strikes that provision and redefines some of the application that would be allowed under this bill. So it narrows the scope of the piece of legislation before us. I would ask your support for the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, on the committee amendments. Senator Hoagland, on the committee amendments. Senator Chronister, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I support the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten, on the committee amendments. Senator Cal Carsten. Excuse me. Senator Cal Carsten. Did you wish to speak about the committee amendments, Senator Cal Carsten? Okay. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Remmers. Senator Chronister, did you wish to speak since this is your priority bill?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, LB 131, which I introduced, would allow clinically trained optometrists to use pharmaceutical agents in examination of the eye and in the treatment of minor eye infections and abrasions. LB 131 is the result of some five